

## GERMAN VICTORY ASSURED ASSERTS DR. KUEHNEMANN

Tells Big Audience His Country Will be Able to Stand off World

### BELGIUM INVASION WAS RIGHT, HE SAYS

Noted Lecturer Gives History of War Negotiations—Charges Conspiracy.

"Germany will win the war, and when it is over she will be a world power strong enough to stand off the world," declared Dr. Eugene Kuehnemann, German educator and lecturer, at the close of his address at the Courthouse last night.

Every foot of space in the big courtroom was taken, standing room was crowded to capacity and the ante-rooms and corridors leading to the entrance to the chamber were uncomfortably filled. Many, who reached the building too late to find admission, returned to their homes.

Dr. Kuehnemann spoke for two hours in English and then gave a twenty-minute lecture in German to the German-Americans. Donations were asked for the Red Cross, the funds to be used for the widows and orphans and the wounded in the European war.

Dr. Kuehnemann was introduced by Charles Blattner, president of the German-American Alliance, who presented the distinguished guest in a brief, but fitting talk.

Prof. Kuehnemann's lecture dealt with the causes of the war and its progress from the day of mobilization until now. He declared that it was the foes of Germany that forced the war upon the Kaiser, and asserted that had not the German Emperor ordered his troops to mobilize when he did he would have proved an enemy to the German nation.

"It was a conspiracy in which the nations now opposing Germany that precipitated the war," charged Dr. Kuehnemann. "France was inspired because of the revenge she had held against Germany since the loss of Alsace and Lorraine, which were stolen by Louis XIV and recovered in 1871. And back of this revenge was France's hope of becoming the shining military power of Europe."

"Russia hoped to dominate Austria through a Balkan conspiracy, and England was jealous of Germany because she realized that Germany was surpassing her in Commerce. Great Britain has always been the mistress of the sea, and she has never failed to crush any nation that attempted to compete."

"In the sixteenth century she swept Spain's merchant marine from the sea, in the seventeenth century she drove Holland from the ocean, in the eighteenth, she removed France from the realm of competitors and the Danish merchant fleet was obliterated."

"During America's battle for liberty, Great Britain wiped out your merchant marine and she has refused to permit you to again become her competitor, even to this day."

"And so it was: England knew that only war could eliminate Germany, and she entered into the conspiracy to bring war about. France, jealous and ambitious to become a world power, was eager of the opportunity to join in the combine to crush Germany. Russia was equally desirous of power, and glad, too, of an opportunity to take her place beside England and France."

"The conspiracy, which forced Austria to issue her ultimatum to Serbia, was the first move to crush Austria. Germany could not be strong with Austria weak, and Austria could not remain strong without the support of Germany. They were duty-bound to work together, and what was good for one of these two powers was good for both, and that which was detrimental to either was therefore injurious to both."

"It was the German Kaiser who attempted to prevent war by sending a note to Vienna, in which the German Government urged Austria to yield as much to Russia as would be compatible with honor, and Austria again renewed negotiations with Russia."

"It was then that Sir Edward Grey called the conference of the four powers in what purported to be a movement in the interest of peace. At that meeting were the representatives of England, France, Italy and Germany. Two, England and France, were arrayed against Germany and Italy, as we now know, and Germany knew for years past, was a German ally only on paper, but at heart a friend of England and a party to the conspiracy against Germany and Austria. That conference resulted in nothing. There

## Shoat Expert Asked to Judge Swine, Strays Into Baby Show

Professors Logan and Barrett of the Normal Find They Misinterpreted Invitation.

Porkers and babies! There is not much similarity, even to the greatest stretch of the imagination!

Cows and babies; horses and babies; mules and babies—contrast anything in the field of animal husbandry, as it is properly known, with nice, rosy-cheeked, carmen-lipped, snub-nosed dimple-limbed babies.

And yet the pork expert from the Normal who went to judge swine and "live" stock at the Piedmont Fair some time ago, judged his animal husbandry "live" stock at the Piedmont Fair some time ago.

He is a single man too. Audacious, dashing, daring Prof. J. C. Logan, assistant professor of agriculture at the Normal in charge of animal husbandry, confesses to the truth of the baby judging story.

He and Prof. W. L. Barrett of Poplar Bluff, field agent for the Normal, about four weeks ago were summoned to Piedmont to act as judges at the fair. Barrett expected to confine himself to the educational exhibits.

After they got there, the managers were three against one, and before it had adjourned, Russia had issued an order to mobilize.

"Germany could not afford to wait until the Russians had swept down to her borders. She knew that the Germans were better organized and could be in fighting shape in shorter time than Russia. This was her only advantage against the overwhelming numbers of Russia. And she knew that to save herself, she must be at the German border before the Russian troops reached there. The German Emperor acted as only he could when he ordered his troops to mobilize."

"But as further evidence that Germany never wanted war, the Emperor sent a message to Russia, saying: 'Stop your mobilization and we will not mobilize at all.' That message has not been answered to this day, and before the time limit had expired the Russian millions had reached our land and had begun to destroy our villages."

In the meantime, France had mobilized and had begun marching upon us. The German Kaiser then appealed to Great Britain to remain neutral, for which Germany agreed to respect the neutrality of Belgium and we promised not to molest a great territory of France. To this message, Sir Edward Grey, replied: 'England must have a free hand.'

"Germany was in the victim of a conspiracy that surpassed the destruction of the Maine. We were in the same position that the United States would be if Canada were a nation of 200,000,000 people, with South America a world power, and Japan the mistress of the Pacific."

"Then let all of these conspire to destroy the United States with Mexico as a haven for men who assassinate your presidents and a handicap should you attempt to strike Japan. That was the predicament that confronted Germany."

"The German Emperor knew that his troops were virtually cut off from a quick passage to France. The only way to reach France quickly was through Belgium. Germany said to Belgium: 'If you will give us a free passage through Belgium Germany will insure your safety and will pay an indemnity for every injury that will come to you. Belgium sent back word that Germany could not pass. Germany was confronted with the proposition of being invaded by France and England through Belgium, which would have ended the war on land so far as Germany was concerned. It would have given France and England a certain passage to the German naval base and its destruction would have eliminated Germany from warfare at sea."

"It then became a question of self preservation or suicide. It was a matter of right before might, and Germany announced that she would force a passage. After the capture of Liege, which occurred on August 7, instead of August 25, as the reports in the American newspapers stated, the German Kaiser again asked free passage through Belgium, in return for which Germany agreed to protect Belgium and pay an indemnity for all losses that Belgium might sustain."

"England sent a note to Belgium, declaring that the neutrality of Belgium had been violated, and that it was Belgium's solemn duty to seek revenge with her full strength and England gave her assurance that she would willingly assist Belgium in her campaign."

"Belgium sent word back to the German Emperor that Belgium would

of the fair suddenly discovered that their judges for the baby show turned up missing. Logan and Barrett were the only two out-of-town judges.

It was essential that they serve. The managers realized it would have to be a set of out-of-town judges.

Barrett and Logan protested. The managers insisted. The two visitors stormed and fumed.

"Provided you'll keep the pesky mothers out of my sight," at last Logan gave in.

"And you must have the automobile ready for us to get a head start," Barrett chirped.

"And this is to be absolutely a secret," Logan clinched the agreement.

"Done!" said the manager, willing to promise anything.

The upshot of the affair was that Barrett went to work somewhat with a professional bearing—he's a married man anyway. Logan was a rank amateur. It is openly charged that he let the guileful smirks and smiles of two of those youngsters win him over and his vote.

But anyway the fair managers flatteringly assured both Logan and Barrett that the mothers were better pleased with the judging the babies got this year than ever before.

The pork man and the copy-book expert made a solemn vow never to breathe a word of it. It was to be a secret.

That's the reason it has taken so long for the story to get out and now Logan's services as a judge are in demand most everywhere. He gets more dinner "dates" than any single man on the faculty.

fight Germany every foot of the way across that country. The calamity that befell Belgium is regretted by the whole world, and Germany mourns the sacrifices that Belgium made just as America does. But Belgium gave up home and her very existence for England because England promised to protect her.

"And when Belgium was torn to the four winds, what did hospitable England do? She simply let the United States do for Belgium what she had agreed to do. But Great Britain will have to pay for the damage to Belgium yet. Germany will see to that. (Laughter.)"

"By Germany invading Belgium, we unearthed undisputable evidence that Belgium was in a secret agreement, the object of which was the destruction of Germany. In the fall of Liege, we captured French soldiers, who confessed that they were sent to France on July 30, or just a short time before war was declared."

Dr. Kuehnemann contended that Germany was fighting for the open door policy, which gives every nation the right to compete on an equal footing in commerce, and declared that the progress of the war to date forecast a certain victory for Germany and her aids.

"Great Britain has boasted that she is superior to her foes on the sea. She has kept her navy in a rat hole since the war began," he said, and then he quoted from a German newspaper, showing a comparative statement of the losses on land and sea of the contending forces. The figures proved that Germany's losses were less than one third as great as her enemies."

Dr. Kuehnemann criticized the attitude of the United States, and flayed the American newspapers. In his remarks in German, he told his hearers that they had not been as loyal to the Fatherland as they should be and urged them to show a renewed interest.

Dr. Kuehnemann will depart for St. Louis over the Cotton Belt shortly before noon today. He was entertained by M. J. Koecak and A. R. Zoelsman at a luncheon last night.

Capt. Harry W. Bridges was present at a luncheon given in honor of Dr. Kuehnemann at the Koecak home at noon yesterday. Capt. Bridges, who is of Irish lineage, was the only guest present who was not familiar with the German language. The conversation was in German. "Please pass the bread," Capt. Bridges broke in occasionally, and then proceeded to apologize for not being able to speak German. But just to show that German was not entirely foreign to him, he said "yah" everytime Dr. Kuehnemann asked him a question. Mr. Bridges is secretary of the German-American Alliance.

Mrs. William Kendall left yesterday morning for Libbourn to visit a few days with friends and relatives.

J. H. Friant yesterday departed on the Gulf train on a southern trip. He will not be back for several days.

Mrs. W. H. Campbell returned to the Cape yesterday from a visit with relatives in Evansville, Ind.

Gus Feeny of Poplar Bluff yesterday visited friends in the Cape.

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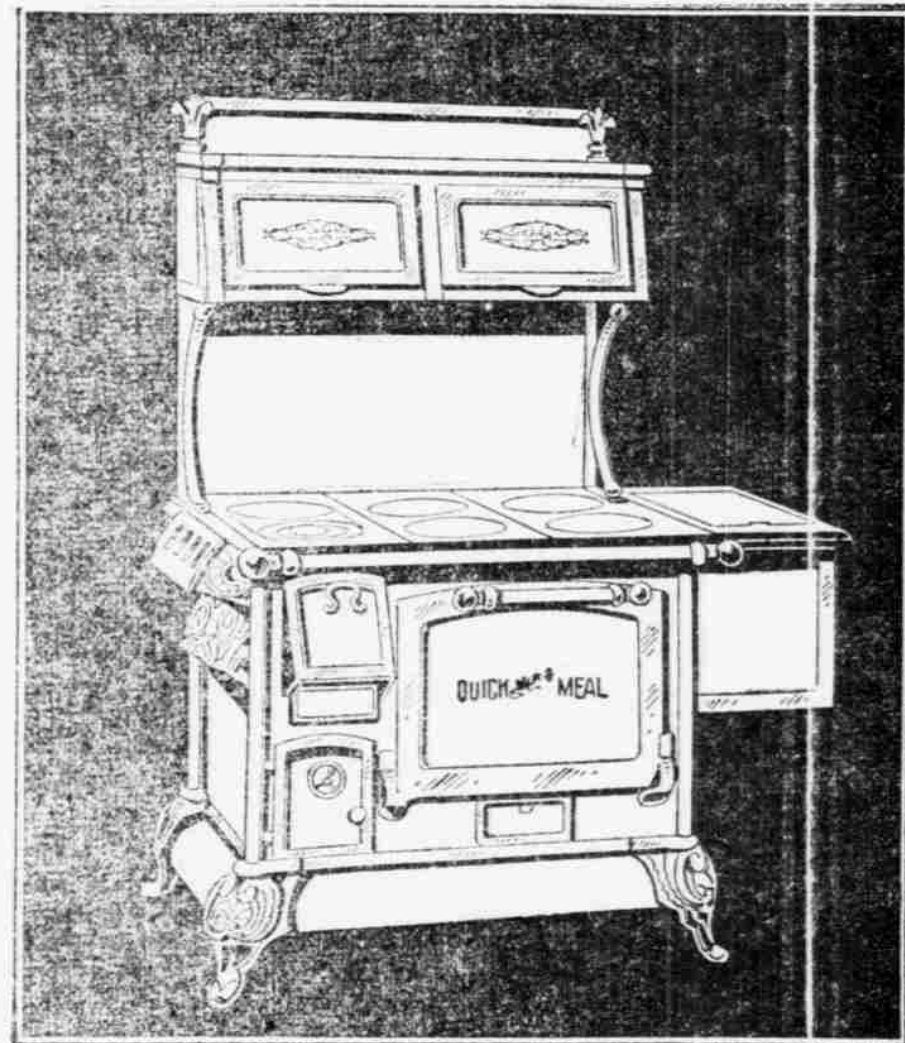
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## CELEBRATE WILLS GOLDEN WEDDING

Family Reunion Marks Jubilee at Home of John L. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wills, who live on a farm near Oak Ridge, Cape County, yesterday celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. John L. Miller on South Spanish street in the Cape. All the children and their families assembled at the Miller home last night for a wedding supper.

Mr. Wills is known throughout Southeast Missouri as a raiser of blooded stock and he is an excellent judge of live stock. He resides on the farm where he was born and to which he returned after having fought in the Confederate calvary all the way through the Civil War.

Mr. Wills was born February 3, 1846. He was a boy when the war

broke out, but joined the calvary and fought under Col. Bill Jeffries. At the close of the fighting he went to Hillsboro, Ill., where he was married to Miss Amanda Greable, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Greable.

The couple then went to the Wills farm in Cape County, where they settled and remained there till now.

The couple's children in addition to Mr. Miller are: Dr. R. W. Wills of St. Louis, who has the only grandchild, Miss Mirtie D. Wills; Thomas D. Wills, of 223 Henderson avenue in the Cape, and one child who died.

Mr. Wills had five sisters and Mrs. Wills three brothers, none of them were in the Cape for the wedding celebration. At the supper last night, covers were laid for 10. The Miller home was decorated with golden rod and chrysanthemums.

Howard Stael of Matthews, Mo., is a business visitor in the Cape.

T. R. Challenger came over from Cairo yesterday to transact business in the Cape.

## CAPE MAY WIN PLACE ON LAKE TO GULF ROAD

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Southeast Missouri to support the movement with a strong delegation also, to insure the chances of winning the eastern route, he said.

"It is hard to appreciate the traffic such a trans-continental highway bears," Buffum declared, "until one is brought intimately in touch with the situation."

"The number of automobiles that pass over the St. Louis to Kansas City road is beyond imagination. Hundreds of cars drove west on it over that highway this summer."

"Railroad passenger traffic officers have told me: 'Buffum, your road is doing a great work, but you have no idea how deep it cuts into passenger

## CAPE IS MAKING 14,000 PAIRS OF SHOES EACH WEEK

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without shoes when autumn came this year. Now he has been paid for the shoes he sold more than a year ago, and can buy new goods. There is a big demand for cotton this year, and not as much produced as was grown last year, because many southern farmers planted the cotton land in corn and wheat."

Mr. Creel said that the International Shoe Company is having better success collecting its bills this year than ever before, which is another evidence that money is plentiful again, he said.

traffic for us." "The same thing will be true of a north and south continental-dissecting highway."